

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of April 07th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- A. Welcome by Mayor Margaret Estrada
- B. Flag Salute Led by Council Member Frank Jaime

ROLL CALL:

- A. Council Members in attendance: Position one is vacant, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Oscar Gonzalez-Phone, Elizabeth Villa, and Caroline Solis.
City Staff in attendance: Interm Clerk: Alondra Juarez, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Fire Chief Bob Clark, And Police Chief Craig Janis.
- B. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Inspire Development re-zone, open the public hearing at 7:01pm on the proposed re-zone of the Inspire Development project located at 141 French Lane. Albert Miller planner with YVCOG, I currently do planning for the City of Wapato I did want to mention briefly that we are currently in the process of updating the comprehensive plan and developing a climate element for that comprehensive plan. I have details on that if any of you are interested if you have any question or anything. It's a two year process we are getting to end of year one now the first year of this is primarily inventory your current comprehensive plan seeing what laws have changed in the last 10 years and so on and trying to update those. The second year of the process will be updating the plan. As planning staff or the City of Wapato I have provided the following summary staff report that was provided in your packet. First the City of Wapato received an application for day care on French lane. In order to build the day care as proposed the parcel must be re-zoned from R1 to R3 in order to allow greater lot coverage. The proposal includes 75% lot coverage including day care facility parking and placing structure this exceeds the 45% that will allow for R1 but does not exceed the 80% allowable lot coverage for the R3 zoning district. Neighboring parcel to the south are already R3 zoning so this will not be a spot zone and would extend existing neighboring zoning. The proposal is consisting with the requirements. Closed public hearing at 7:08pm

MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Rita Alvarado motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Frank Jaime seconded; motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from March 17th, 2025, were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called to approve the March 17th, 2025 meeting minutes. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Council member Ken Workman seconded; motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda, approval of claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gracie: With the Washington State of Agriculture, I think I was here last year just to give you an update on the Japanese Beatle. Let folks that are watching that continue to keep an eye out and also have some booklets here for you so that you can pass out. Just a reminder that we are still taking consent forms for Wapato because the Japanese Beatle infestation is in Wapato and continues to grow. I will be back in about three months to give you an update.

Frances: American Legion will have the monthly dinner it is open to the public. Annual 19th Easter egg Hunt at 1:00pm. Stuffing Easter Eggs on the 12th volunteers are welcomed and donations are welcomed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Teamsters Local 760 Union Contract. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval Council Position #1. Council member Ken Workman would like to appoint Robert Reyna for council position #1 made

motion to approve. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Mayor Margaret: You will be sworn in next council meeting April 21st to position #1. Motion carried.

C. Boys & Girls Club Rep presents to council.

D. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Vote on Inspire Building Rezone. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Chief Police: Craig Janis

Introduce Officer Tinajero he just graduated the academy. Starting his first night on patrol tonight starting his FTO program. 167 calls for service in the last two weeks of those calls 35 of those were traffic stops, the nice things is that we are seeing decrease in overdoses we only documented 3. Our domestics are up we have the new process were we go out 3 days and follow up. The 3 officers that were selected and are good to go and get them into the academy and get them on the road. There was a breakout of TB all of them were quarantine and treated.

Interim Clerk: Alondra Juarez

I would like to announce that we have mailed out all elderly applications and if there is any elderly that don't have it there has been a notice with the utility bill as well so that they aware. I will also have that posted on our city page. Applications are due May 1st, just a reminder it is only for low income elderly/disabled people. I know there is confusing about that. If anyone needs application or more information you can call City Hall. Also Landlord licenses renewal out also due May 1st.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

Albert touched based on the Inspired Building and rezoning. The city received the reimbursement from ARPA for the well.

Chief Fire: Bob Clark

Animal Control: 15 animals, aggressive dogs.

Code Enforcement: Approval of inspire building.

Fire Department: 68 calls for service. We are up 45% from last year. 2025 grant for legends casino was submitted and will receive update late May.

Mayor Message/Council Discussion:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to adjourn. Council member Ken Workman seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Alondra Juarez Interim Clerk